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 Gregory et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 29, 2009 (hereinafter “Office Action”), which set forth a three-month period for reply, *i.e.*, August 29, 2009. Applicant encloses a Petition for an Extension of Time and the corresponding fee to extend the period for reply by two months, *i.e.*, to October 29, 2009. In light of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and placed in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, I certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop **Amendment**, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 2231-124503 via the USPTO's EFS-Web Electronic Filing System on **October 28, 2009**.

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